UK planning for possible post-Assad Syria

- The meeting will take place on 09 JAN 2013 and 10 JAN 2013, and delegates will include Syria experts, academics in post-conflict stabilization, representatives of the Syrian National Coalition (SNC) opposition group and other agencies.
- Focus is to galvanize planning for political transition in Syria," per Foreign Secretary William Hague.
- "Assad's departure from power is inevitable.
Vital that international community plans ahead for the day after in Syria," said Foreign Secretary William Hague

- A defiant speech by Assad on Sunday, which the Syrian president billed as peace plan but in which he rejected talks with his opponents.
Rebels described the speech as a renewed declaration of war. If this conflict does not get resolved soon military action of NATO forces will be eminent